



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2024



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



As I write, we are on a mini vacation in Washington State. Of course, while here, I looked up quilt shops near me. Well – did I find a quilt shop! If you ever get a chance, you might want to visit Over the Rainbow Fabrics. When I checked out their website, it said at last count they had over 41,000 bolts of fabric. I thought it was a misprint. It was. At last inventory they were running over 44,000 bolts!! A word of advice though.

If you go, look up what you want online first. It's pretty overwhelming in there (although that didn't stop me).

On the second floor, I noticed a sign that said "smile, you're on camera." I had to smile because anyone watching the camera would have seen me walking around with my mouth open the whole time!

I'll just nicely get home and will need to finish my Thanksgiving grocery shopping, then prep for the family dinner. After that we head up to Prince George for a Celebration of Life.

October is shaping up to be quite a busy month. I hope to see you all at the Guild meeting though. It's definitely one of the things I look forward to.

Happy Thanksgiving & Happy quilting!

**Diane L, President**

### October Dates

Oct 10    Guild Retreat Registration opened

Oct 19    COPS at Highlands

Oct 22

2 - 4pm    Slow Stitch/Community Quilts Backing and Batting

7.30-9pm    Monthly Guild meeting

            Fabric Cutting Machine demonstrations

            St Andrew's & St Stephen's Church, Chesterfield Avenue, North Vancouver

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# GUILD RETREAT 2025

**Registration for our Spring Retreat is now open.**

**Sign-up:** via the [Retreat Page](#) on our website, or access the [form directly here](#).

**Location:** Zajac Ranch for Children - 15600 Florence Lake Road, -Stave Lake-Mission, BC V4S 1C4 . Visit [zajacranch.com](http://zajacranch.com), for more details about the venue.

**4 Nights – Thursday Feb 20, 2025 – Monday Feb 24, 2025**

- Bunk Room: \$610
- Semiprivate (2 singles – 4 available) \$710
- Private (Queen Bed – 4 Available) \$790
- Private (Single Bed – 8 Available) \$750

Note: Rooms are available on a first-come/first-served basis

**Arrival time:** Thursday 11:30 AM – Lunch served at 1:00 PM

**Depart:** Must check out of bedrooms by 11:00 am Monday and leave premises by 3:00pm.

**Meals Included:** Thursday: Lunch and Dinner, Friday-Sunday: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Monday: Brunch

**Payments:**

- Deposit \$150.00 upon registration.
- Final payment due by Dec 15, 2024

The non-Refundable deposit of \$150.00 is due upon sign-up.

**New to Retreats?** Our retreat is a 4-night break away from everything, except sewing, companionship and laughter. Meals are at set times, but other than that you are free to do whatever you like, whenever you like. Most people bring along a variety of new, or unfinished projects but take time out to catch up with what others are working on, or take a walk along the trails by Stave Lake and visit the horses and other animals. Some stay up late - others are up at the crack of dawn to get sewing. It's a fun, relaxing break from the bustle of life and a great way to spend quality time on those projects you've been trying to catch up on.

If you have want to know more, contact [Leslie R](#) and she'll be happy to answer your questions.

# PROGRAMS

## OCTOBER: CUTTING MADE EASY USING A DIE CUTTER

Are you a new quilter and want to make sure you have accurate sized pieces for making a quilt? Do you want to speed up and be more accurate in your fabric cutting process? Do you have physical limitations that make it difficult to accurately cut your fabric pieces?



If you answered YES to any of these questions, or if you are just interested in how Die Cutting works, then this month's meeting is perfect for you!!

The October Program will feature some of our very talented members instructing us on using Die Cutters available, including the AccuQuilt Go, which is owned by the Guild and is FREE to members to borrow from the Library.

We will have fabric available for demonstration (donated by Community Quilts) and will draw "gift bags" of the fabric cut-outs at the end of the evening. Or if you would like to bring some of your own fabric to try on the different die cutters, then that is fine too.

## NOVEMBER : MEMBER'S MARKETPLACE AND CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

If you are a Maker of anything crafty or fabric or textile art, or if you just have a selection of items in your sewing space (Fabric/Thread/Notions/etc.) that you would like to offer to another sewist, then now is your chance to book a table at the Member's Marketplace. Note: Please NO food items!

Tables cost \$10, and you may share a table with a friend. Please [email me](#) to book your table. You can e-transfer funds to the Guild or give me cash at the Program Table at the October meeting. Sign-up ends November 15th.

For the rest of the members who will be shopping and not selling.....this is a great chance to get an early start on terrific Christmas gifts. We have a very talented membership and I believe there will be lots of fabulous items to purchase.

Don't forget to sign up your UFO's at the Program Table!! Remember to bring cash for your Marketplace table and/or UFO challenge.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on October 22nd .

**Carol C, Programs Coordinator**

# PROGRAMS

## **UFO\*\* CHALLENGE 2024/25**

(\*\*UnFinishedObjects)



Yes it's that time of year again! The UFO Challenge begins now and will run through until the May meeting.

Members can add their name to the sign-up sheet at the Programs table at every Guild meeting, listing their quilts name/description and sizes.

If you can't attend a meeting, but want to add your name, please [email me](#) your details to add you to the list.

When you have completed your UFO, either bring it to a Guild meeting for all to admire it at Show & Tell, or if you can't attend, then [email me](#) a photo.

Upon payment of \$2.00 per completed entry, you will be given a ballot to fill in depending on the size (width) of your finished quilt.

All ballots go in the Ballot Box located at the Program table at each meeting:

- Quilts under 24" – one ballot entry
- Quilts 24 – 48" – two ballot entries
- Quilts 48" or more- three ballot entries

Winners (up to 3) will be drawn at the May 27, 2025 meeting and will share in the proceeds of money collected through the year.

It's great way to get started.... and finished... on those UFO's that we all seem to accumulate over time!!

Questions?? [Email me](#) or come chat at the meeting.

**Carol C, Programs Coordinator**

# LIBRARY

This month we have a new book purchased at the request of our Community Quilts program. It's called The Magic of 3-Yard Quilts. The book has patterns for 8 different quilts, all of which can be made from 3 yards of fabric. (usually three one yard pieces) These are fast and fun and would make great community quilts or easy gifts. The book even has instructions for how to enlarge the quilts to make them bed sized.



If you aren't a book person, or if you just like the idea but missed out on the book, the authors have some free patterns on their website here: <https://www.fabriccafe.com/Free-Patterns-s/2014.htm>

Happy Quilting!  
**Carolann F - Librarian**

# HOSPITALITY



Just a reminder that if your birthday falls in October, please bring a plate of treats to our upcoming meeting to be shared at break time. The volunteers in the kitchen very much appreciate your help, and the treats are enjoyed by everyone.

Due to the high cost, and environmental impact of single use paper cups, please remember to bring your own cup/mug.

Thanks again. See you at our October meeting!

**Renee and Marsha**

# CQA



The Guild is a member of the Canadian Quilters Association.

The next CQA Show will be in Toronto on June 18-21, 2025.

Check out the [CQA website](https://www.cqa.org/) for more information on seminars, and everything quilting across Canada!



# WORKSHOPS

## IDEAS PLEASE

Let Karen and Carole know what kind of workshops you would like – Machine quilting? Modern? Traditional? Improve? Art quilt techniques? Also, please recommend any teachers you have enjoyed.

## SLOW STITCHING

Slow stitching get togethers will continue October 22, 2 to 4 pm at St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's Church on Chesterfield, the afternoon of the Guild meeting. All welcome, or drop in and see what we are up to.

## FUTURE WORKSHOPS

We now have two workshops in November. Full details and registration forms are live on the [Workshops page](#) of the Guild website.

### **November 2, Saturday - Highlands Church, North Vancouver** Improv-ish Trees with Paper Piecing

Berene Campbell at [happysewlucky](#) will teach an improv-ish workshop - a mix of improvisation and foundation paper piecing, with lots of options for fabric selection. She explained it to me (an FPP virgin) and convinced me I can do it, which means you can, too!



### **November 30, Saturday - via Zoom** Quilt as You Go

Melissa Marginet will teach us a range of Quilt-As-You-Go techniques via Zoom. My QAYG career started with her workshop, and the class is very well laid out.

## EXTRAVAGANZA 2025

**Saturday, January 25, 2025 - Gleneagles Clubhouse**  
Registration will open in November.

Please [email me](#) if you have any questions.

Karen M, Workshop Coordinator

# MEMBERSHIP

A warm welcome to the **new** members who recently joined us, **Bonny B, Anna Z. and Leslie W.** This brings our total membership to **128** members.

There were **72** members at the September meeting with 6 guests.

**Remember** – the best advertising we can do for the Guild is through our members – bring your friends or family or neighbours to any Guild meeting. It's free to join us as a guest! . New members pay a prorated/month membership fee. Membership fees are prorated for any new members until the end of the Guild fiscal year February 2025.

**Door Prize Donations** Thanks so much for the donation of 3 handmade items from **Rene S.** that will be given out as door prizes at the October meeting.

**Membership Sign-in Desk:** Please sign in at the desk in the front lobby upon your arrival. Reduces the traffic a bit – just remember if you come in the back entrance to go to the front entrance to sign-in.

**Name Tags** A gentle reminder that it would be great if you could do up a 'personal' Name Tag for not only use at the General Meetings, workshops, events, etc. but it does lend to all your creative side.

The following are samples of some of the Guild members name tags - very creative and most interesting! A good thing as well is a little pouch on the back to put in your money, Membership card etc.



Another good place to check for Guild name tags is on YouTube, etc. For example [Name Tags](#)

**Patricia H, Membership Coordinator**

## COMMUNITY QUILTS

As you heard at the last meeting, we are now giving out quilts to our many organizations. You also saw about 20 quilts that came in, now available for distribution. Thank you to everyone making these quilts – they are so appreciated by all recipients!!

Please email either Brenda S or Linda H a few days ahead of our meeting day, saying what you need for batting and backings so we can bring suitable ones in the afternoon from 2 to 4 pm (batting bolts are large and heavy so we will only bring what is needed).

We can cut what you have requested and have it ready for you in the evening.

- For batting give your quilt top dimensions and whether you will machine/hand quilt yourself or be using a long-arm machine (more batting is needed for the latter).
- For backings give the dimensions as above and email a picture so we have an idea of what backing fabric to bring.

Thanks again for the wonderful quilts being made and enjoy your quilting time!

## COPS



Our October COPS Day is on the 19th and there's still time to sign up. [REGISTER HERE](#)

You can also sign up for the November 9th and December 7th COPS Days on our [webpage](#).

All the info about what COPS is, what to bring etc., is also there.

As a reminder, the hall rental at Highlands has increased. This means we absolutely need 15 attendees for the day to go ahead in-person and may not be able to refund/credit you if you don't arrive, other than on compassionate grounds (sorry!). If we don't get enough sign-ups for an in-person COPS Day, we meet via Zoom.

**Penny N, COPS Coordinator**

## COMMUNICATIONS

Just a reminder that Members are allowed one free advertisement in the Newsletter per year. If you have a fabric/sewing/quilt related item which you wish to sell, please get in touch. Items offered for free, or Wanted advertisements, are also welcome.

**Tanith, Communications Coordinator**

# MEMBERS AT LARGE



Do you know a member who is in need of a hug, a kind word, or a happy card? Please let us know and we will reach out to them on behalf of the Guild.

Contact Sarah G & Anne O'B [email us here](#)

## WHAT'S ON?



PIECING US TOGETHER  
Lions Gate Quilters' Guild  
SEPTEMBER 10 – NOVEMBER 17

Quilts created by 14 of our Guild members are currently on display at West Vancouver Library in an exhibition entitled "Piecing Us Together". The quilts were selected at our Show by the Library's Art & Events Programmer, to relate to the theme of the mindfulness and therapeutic value of quilt making.

The exhibition runs from September until November 17.



Chilliwack Piecemakers are holding their "Piecemaking in the Valley" show on October 18 & 19. More details can be found on their [website here](#).



The North Shore Needle Arts Guild has an exhibition entitled "Pick a Pocket" at the Silk Purse, Argyle Street, West Vancouver from October 16 - November 17. For more details, visit the West Van Art website [here](#).

## Don't Forget.....

For the October meeting, don't forget to bring:

- ♦ Name badge
- ♦ Coffee/tea mug
- ♦ Cakes (if it's your birthday this month)
- ♦ Cash - for 50/50, Marketplace table booking and the UFO challenge
- ♦ Fabric, if you'd like to try the Accuquilt cutter